

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising Kindergarten
2015-2016**

Nonfiction Books

Cowley, Joy. *Chameleon, Chameleon*

Experience close-up the many moods and colors of chameleons as one brave chameleon ventures from the safety of his tree in search of a new home.

Barton, Byron. *Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs*

In prehistoric days there were many different kinds of dinosaurs, big and small, those with spikes and those with long, sharp teeth.

Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Roar! : A Noisy Counting Book*

A lion cub's roar frightens away other colorful animals, from one red monkey to eight brown gazelles that he wants to come and play with him, until he encounters nine other lion cubs.

Gorbachev, Valeri. *Christopher Counting*

After his teacher, Ms. Goat, introduces a lesson on counting, Christopher counts everything, including pencils, plates, cups, peas, flower petals, ants on the ground, and friends he finds during hide-and-seek.

Hood, Susan. *Rooting for You*

A seed, afraid but bored in the dark soil, decides to put out one little root, then one little shoot, before learning that there are plenty of friends around for encouragement.

Pinkney, Sandra L. *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children*

Photographs and poetic text celebrate the beauty and diversity of African American children.

Marx, Trish. *Kindergarten Day USA and China*

Readers spend a school day with two kindergarten classes in this flip-me-over book. One side tells the story of a class from Schenectady, New York, and the other side tells of a class from Beijing, China.

Murphy, Julie. *Whose Baby is This?*

Simple text and full-color photos ask multiple-choice questions about which adults these baby animals grow up to be.

Raschka, Christopher. *Five for a Little One*

A young rabbit explores the world using his five senses.

Rissman, Rebecca. *Is it Living or Nonliving?*

Young learners are introduced to the characteristics of living and nonliving things in different habitats around the world.

Thong, Roseanne. *Green is a Chile Pepper*

A little girl discovers all the bright colors in her Hispanic American neighborhood.

Thong, Roseanne. *Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes*

A little girl discovers things that are round, square, and rectangular in her Hispanic American neighborhood.

Fiction Books

Bingham, Kelly. *Z is for Moose*

Moose is terribly eager to play his part in Zebra's alphabet book, but when his letter passes him by, Moose behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.

Bloom, Suzanne. *The Bus for Us*

Eagerly awaiting the bus on her first day of school, Tess learns the names of different vehicles from her older friend, Gus.

Clement, Nathan. *Speed*

Revvng up behind a pace car, a group of stock cars takes off with a wave of the green flag and engages in an action-packed race filled with squealing tires, bumps, spins, and rushing support crews.

Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama and the Bully Goat*

Following their teacher's lead, Llama Llama speaks to Gilroy Goat and tells him he should not act like a bully on the playground. Explore other *Llama Llama* stories too!

McQuinn, Anna. *Lola Loves Stories*

Lola and her daddy go to the library every Saturday to pick out books. The stories she reads with her family throughout the week lend inspiration to her playtime, stretching her imagination. Lola becomes a fairy princess, a pilot flying to exotic places, a farmer, and even a "wild and wicked" monster.

Mora, Pat. *Book Fiesta*

Celebrate of El día de los niños, or Children's Day, in this bilingual story. Facts about Mexico's annual celebration of children and the book fiestas that often take place on that day are included.

Pinkney, Sandra. *A Rainbow All Around Me*

This book uses the early-childhood concept of colors to teach young readers about the broad spectrum of multicultural children who make the world a colorful place.

Pizzoli, Greg. *The Watermelon Seed*

A very funny crocodile has one big fear: swallowing a watermelon seed. What will he do when his greatest fear happens? Will vines sprout out his ears? Will his skin turn pink? This crocodile has a wild imagination!

Ransome, James E. *New Red Bike!*

Up and down! Round and round! Tom is having a blast zooming all over the neighborhood on his new red bike. The fun he has only increases when he is able to share it with his friend Sam.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey. *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Slate, Joseph. *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*

It's the first day of kindergarten, and Miss Bindergarten is hard at work getting the classroom ready for her twenty-six new students. If you like this one, check out other *Miss Bindergarten* books!

Willems, Mo. *The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?*

The Duckling asks for a cookie -- and gets one! Do you think the Pigeon is happy about that? Look for the other adventures of Pigeon, such as *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*